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Please amend the claims of the National Stage application as indicated on the attached sheets. Applicants request early and favorable action on pending claims 10-18.